MPLADS funds for calamity victims

*36. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Members of both the Houses of Parliament had written to Government for diverting part of their funds from MPLADS in the aftermath of super cyclone in Orissa, floods in West Bengal in 2000 and earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each case indicating the number and amount thereof. St ate-wise and House-wise;

(c) whether any request for such diversion from MPLADS to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in the case of West Bengal floods has been rejected by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) A number of members of Parliament have written to their Nodal District Heads, some to the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariat and some to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for allocating funds from their account for taking up of the works in the cyclone affected areas of Orissa, flood affected districts of West Bengal and earthquake affected parts of Gujarat. According to information available with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme

implementation, as on 19.2.2001, details regarding number of MPS, indicating their consent, state wise/House-wise are indicated below:

(Rs in Lakhs)

State	Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha	Amount
Orissa	83	68	1510
West Bengal	28	10	380
Gujarat	66	108	2686
TOTAL:	177	186	4576

The complete lists of Members of Parliament indicating their consent for contribution to the above calamity affected areas are available with the concerned States.

(c) and (d) Under the Guidelines of MPLADS, amounts can be allocated only for creation of durable assets which are permissible under the Guidelines in areas affected by natural calamities of rare severity. Accordingly, Members of Parliament have been intimated to send their contribution to the Chief Secretary of the affected State for creation of durable assets which are permissible under the MPLADS Guidelines.

Jobless workers in Delhi

† *37. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of labourers have become jobless and destitutes as a result of the closure of thousands of industries in Delhi in the recent days; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for rehabilitation re-training and redeployment of these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No Sir, however several thousand workers are reported to be affected by the recent decision to close down certain category of industrial units in non-conforming areas.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.